

TOPEKA Y. W. C. A.

Its Aims and Purposes—An Asset to the City.

Association Was Organized in November, 1887.

INTERESTING BIT OF HISTORY

The 1915 Budget Calls for Expenditure of \$21,573.

"Y. W." Work May Be Started in North Topeka Soon.

(This is the nineteenth of a series of articles on Topeka churches and Christian organizations published in the State Journal.)

The Topeka Young Women's Christian association was organized in November, 1887, at the home of Mrs. W. F. Parker, where were gathered a number of women who were desirous of helping the young women of the city in some systematic way. Mrs. Henry Bennett was the first president. The other officers elected were: Mrs. A. H. Case, vice president; Mrs. Leon Stanton, treasurer and corresponding secretary; Miss Jennie Dick, recording secretary.

In addition to these officers, the first board of managers was composed of Mrs. Christman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Cron, Mrs. Lizzie Reid and Miss Hammond.

The second meeting of the association was held at the home of Mrs. Bennett, but after that the board met in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. until the organization had a home of its own.

The first months the work consisted of Sunday afternoon gospel services, the churches and social gatherings for the young women, held in the homes of the board women.

The association was without a home of its own for more than a year, but in March, 1889, the rooms over Fish's spice mill, at 108 East Sixth avenue, were secured and remodeled. Here for two years "dwell" the Topeka Young Women's association, in a suite of rooms consisting of a tea room, a reading room and an office which was shared with the secretary of the state association.

The First Secretary.

Miss Annie Adams, now Mrs. Baird of Korea, was the first general secretary. Under her supervision Bible classes were organized, Sunday school meetings held and evening socials planned for various groups of girls. A boarding house directory was maintained in the office for the benefit of the strange girls; an employment department was established.

During that same winter educational classes were organized in the following subjects: Bookkeeping, penmanship, physical culture and dressmaking. A prayer service was held at the noon hour for the girls who came to the tea room to eat their lunches.

All this was made possible by the fact that the women who were responsible for the organization of the association were willing to give themselves to the work that it might succeed; even as those women who are on the board of directors today are giving their time and strength in order that at the present time of so much more vast opportunities and responsibilities, the Young Women's Christian association may not be found lacking.

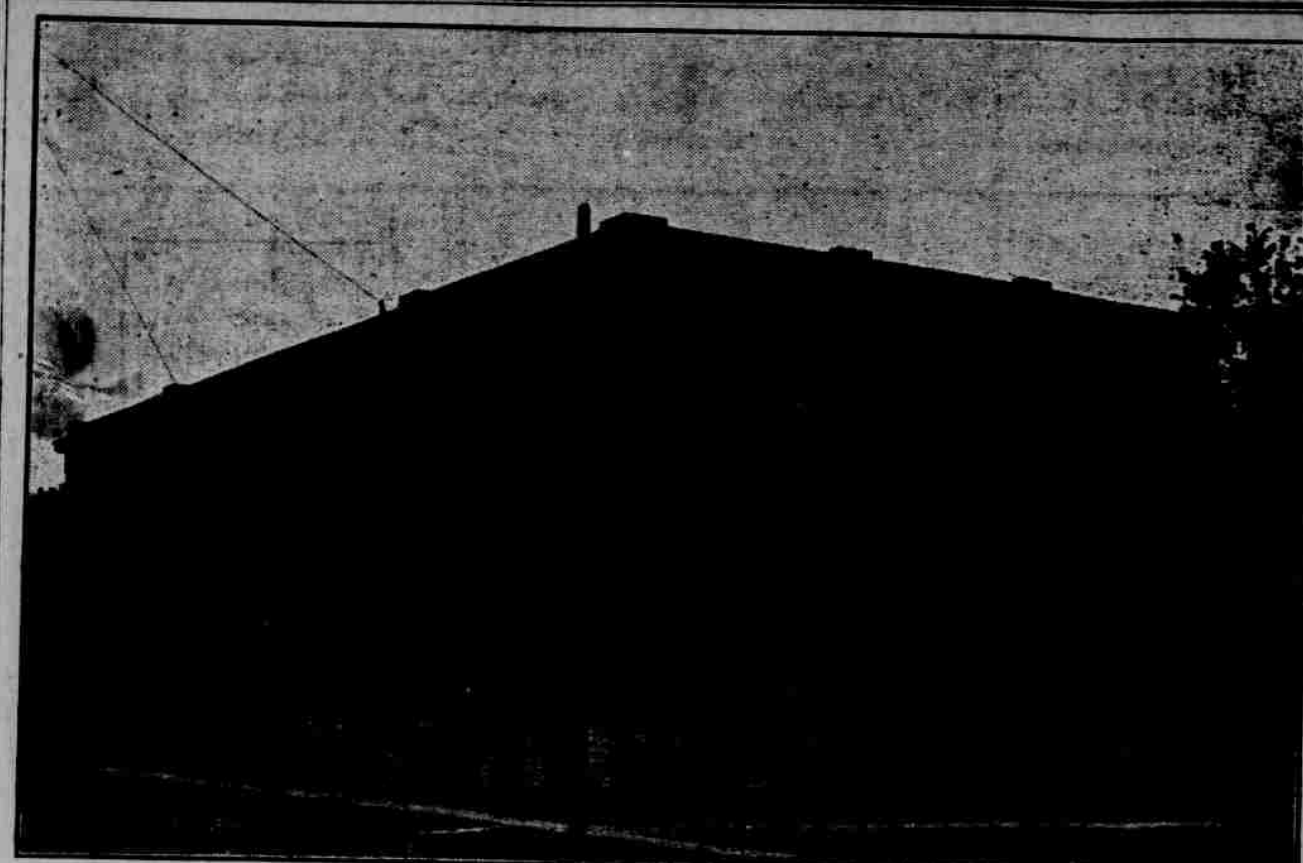
In 1891, after occupying the rooms over Fish's for two years, the association moved into more commodious quarters on the second floor of the building at 310 Kansas avenue. Here the organization remained for more than eight years.

Growth of Organization.

The work grew steadily in all departments. It became necessary to employ some one to assist the secretary in the tea rooms and in other ways. Again the home was outgrown and the association was moved to the second floor of the building, now known as the Masonic Temple, in the autumn of 1899. It was here that the Y. W. C. A. had its first equipped gymnasium under its own roof. Here the association remained, continually growing into the larger responsibilities that the growing city was forcing upon it, until June, 1911, when it moved into its own building erected at the corner of Seventh and Van Buren streets. This building stands today as an evidence of the appreciation of the citizens of Topeka for the work that has been done for the young women of their city.

Several Requests Received.

The Young Women's Christian as-



Home of Topeka Young Women's Christian Association at Corner of Seventh and Van Buren Streets.

sociation has been the recipient of a number of bequests from appreciative friends. W. C. Charles was the first to express his appreciation by a large gift. Judge Clark gave the association a piece of property at Ninth street and Topeka avenue, which was to be sold and the money used as the final payment on the building. Mrs. Stormont left a generous sum to the association which was also used in the building. Mrs. G. G. Gage left the association some personal property. It was during the administration of Mrs. A. B. Whiting, the Young Women's Christian association was named as one of the beneficiaries in the Mount Hope Cemetery association. The income from this source during recent years has been greatly appreciated.

The last bequest received was from Miss Elizabeth Samson, who left to the association more than 300 books from her library and property, from the sale of which was realized nearly \$2,000. A portion of this amount was set aside as the Elizabeth Samson Loan Fund to be loaned, under certain conditions, to young women who might be needing temporary help of that kind. Since the fund was established three loans of small amounts for a short period, have been made.

Association Secretaries.

Following is a list of the secretaries that have served the association since its organization in 1887: Miss Annie Adams, Mrs. Kingman, Miss McElroy, Miss Nellie Dick, Miss Yankey, Miss Emma Burgess, 1892-95; Miss Nannie F. Dorr, 1895-96; Miss Annette Montgomery, 1896-98; Miss Cora, 1898-99; Miss Henrietta Mayo, 1899-1900; Miss Jones, 1900-01; Miss Harriet Broad, 1901-02; Miss Minnie Ried, 1902-06; McNutt, 1907-09; Miss Daisy J. Trout, 1909-11; Miss Mary S. Kerr, 1911-12; Miss Marguerite Dice, 1912-.

New \$80,000 Home.

During Miss Trout's administration the building that the association now occupies was planned and erected. On the main floor will be found the offices and board of directors' room, the parlors, reading room, private dining room, cloak room, and the large commodious kitchen. In the basement are the lockers, the shower baths and the swimming pool, which has been very attractive during the hot summer months. On the second floor are class rooms—both large and small—one rest room, a well equipped gymnasium, and the physical director's office. The third floor is occupied by the boarding house, having rooms to accommodate 24 girls, and a large central living room. The roof, which is easy of access, was so constructed that it can be used by the girls on summer nights. They find it quite refreshing, after the hot days in the office or the store, to rest at night out on the roof under the stars.

Staff of Secretaries.

Miss Marguerite Dice, the general secretary, came to Topeka from Cincinnati, O. Miss Dice had special Y. W. C. A. training in Chicago, after which she did association work in Jer-

sey City and Colorado Springs. The Topeka association has advanced steadily under her administration.

In addition to the general secretary the following persons comprise the present secretarial staff: Miss Ethel Dodge, office secretary; Miss Jessie Alsop, lunch room secretary; Miss Kate Williams, physical director and Mrs. Margaret Dowling, house secretary.

Mrs. A. A. Godard is the president of the Young Women's Christian association; Mrs. W. S. Lindsay, vice president; Mrs. W. F. Bowen, secretary; and Mrs. B. M. Davies, treasurer.

The other members of the board of directors are: Mrs. A. S. Ambler, Mrs. Silas Porter, Mrs. G. O. Smith, Mrs. F. E. Vest, Mrs. Charles Suit, Miss Maude Bishop, Mrs. C. J. Evans, Miss Ellen Foberg, Mrs. A. D. Gray, Mrs. N. F. Houston, Mrs. M. F. Troxell, Mrs. Roy B. Guild, Miss Mary MacLennan, Mrs. John Sargent, Mr. Mildred J. Shaw, Miss Annie B. Sweet and Mrs. F. C. Thompson.

More Than 1,000 Members.

The association has at present a membership of 1,043 and is active along all lines in which a live association should be interested. Last year the Sunday evening services were attended by an average of 41 persons a Sunday. Fellowship tea is always served at the close of these meetings to all the young women who will remain. Last year the members of the association contributed \$168.65 toward the support of Miss Laura Radford, formerly state secretary of the Y. W. C. A. here, now general secretary of the association at Singapore, in the Malay peninsula. During the year there were 224 of the members enrolled in the Bible classes; 411 in the classes of the physical department; 108 in the educational department.

There are 18 periodicals on the tables of the reading room, and 598 volumes in the association library with a total circulation last year of 231. Aside from its own library, the association has 100 volumes from the state traveling library with a circulation of 75.

In the year positions were procured for 85 young women. In the boarding department there have been 46 permanent roomers; that is, girls who have remained more than a month, and 643 transient guests have been accommodated. A average of 200 persons a day, have taken meals in the cafeteria.

Association Departments.

A student committee, with Miss Sweet as chairman, has been organized, having in charge the work in the high school and business colleges. There is at present a high school club of 143 members, meeting monthly. This club sent a delegate to the Estes Park conference last summer.

In the girls' department there are two clubs—one the Girls' Guardian club, under the supervision of Miss Mary MacLennan and Mrs. A. G. Ketter, and the other, the Polyanna club, under the supervision of Miss Florence Dice and Miss Katherine McCarter. These clubs are composed of girls from Branner and Lafayette schools, and are doing gymnasium and club work. They have their own organization and are getting practice in parliamentary law. Miss Williams, the physical director, has a class in gymnasium work for children at Quincy school.

It is hoped that some time in the near future regular association work may be opened up in North Topeka.

but the plans have not been consummated yet.

Activities Are Varied.

But a few of the many activities of the Y. W. C. A. have been enumerated. The classes in the educational department are varied in their nature, and provide excellent training for young women. The work in the physical department meets a need, and is up-to-date in every particular. There are a thousand and one things that the association does for the girls and young women of the city.

Budget of \$21,573.

The Topeka Young Women's Christian association has pushed steadily forward since its organization, holding to its one purpose of helping young women to a fuller, nobler life, that each may be a benefit to her community. As the work has grown, so, of necessity, have the expenses increased until the yearly budget has become, this year, \$21,573. But the association is 84 per cent self supporting; in other words, all but 16 per cent of this amount is received through the various departments of the association. The business men of the city have stood by the work loyally, always cheerfully responding to any call for financial help, realizing that it is not a donation they are making but an investment that is sure to bring large returns.

FOR TOPEKA FAIR.

Senate Ways and Means Recommends Money to Capital City.

The Topeka state fair will get an appropriation of \$15,000 for the next two years if the recommendation of the senate ways and means committee is acceded to by the house of representatives, which has already received from its own ways and means committee a recommendation for a \$10,000 appropriation. The senate committee proposes to give the Topeka fair \$7,500 a year or any part of that amount which may be duplicated by the management of the Topeka fair to be used strictly for premiums.

Just how the proposed appropriation would be distributed remains for determination by a subcommittee of the ways and means committee which will propose a schedule to which the appropriation may be applied. This schedule will probably provide that an offer of \$1,000 must be made up for the best country display brought to Topeka. None of the money would in any event be available for race track prizes but all would be spent for premiums to encourage displays of livestock, agriculture or other industrial accomplishments.

It looks as though the state legislature would adopt a new policy toward state fairs at this session and make for the first time appropriations for their encouragement. Ways and means committee of the house has recommended \$15,000 for the Hutchinson fair and \$10,000 for the Topeka fair. The senate has not yet committed itself on the Hutchinson appropriation.

FOUNDING OF CHURCH

Twentieth Anniversary Will Be Celebrated Sunday in Seabrook.

The twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Seabrook Congregational church will be celebrated in an appropriate manner Sunday. At eleven o'clock the Rev. J. E. Kirkpatrick will speak on "Early Days of the Church."

A song service at 1:30 o'clock will be led by Mrs. C. D. Bailey. William Rickenbacher will read a paper. E. B. Merriam will speak on "Building the church." Mrs. E. E. Ewer will discuss "Early Days of the Sunday School." There will be music by Mrs. Gertrude Harris Houghton and Miss Kate Anderson. Rad and De Witt Lee will speak on "Later Days." The presentation of a picture of the late Rev. P. B. Lee will be by Clarence McCafferty.

Prof. W. C. Wheeler will speak on "The Church in the College." A talk will be given by the Rev. A. E. Siebert. Mrs. Ford Ribbinette will speak on "The Sunday School of Today." Mrs. H. E. Brown will tell of the "Church Today." Mr. B. Guild will speak on "Neighbors in Christian Work."

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SORORITIES HELPFUL.

Mrs. Eustace Brown Says They Have Good Influence on Girls.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 12.—That more sororities are desirable at the University of Kansas is the opinion of Mrs. Eustace Brown, adviser of women at the university.

"The sorority offers a well disciplined and well regulated home for girls temporarily removed from parental care," said Mrs. Brown. "It also trains women to co-operate and for this reason the sorority women in the university are better fitted to carry through an movement or policy inaugurated in the university."

"In a sorority with Pan-Hellenic ideals there is nothing detrimental and much that is helpful. Snobbishness, an unfriendly air, and over dressing, often attributed to the sorority, are brought from the home influence and are not fostered inside the sorority."

Dean F. W. Blackmar of the sociology department concurs with Mrs. Brown's idea and favors the sorority in college life. "From the point of view of the sociologist," says he, "sorority life is to be favored because it develops the group life, and gives to every woman a common feeling rather than the individual view."

KANSAS COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Cora A. Lewis Says They Are Not Up to Standard.

Parsons, Kan., Feb. 12.—"While it is ahead on almost everything else, Kansas is behind in its country schools," Mrs. Cora A. Lewis, member of the Kansas board of administration, said in an address before the convention of Southwestern Kansas Livestock association here Friday night. The address closed the convention, which has been in session three days.

"The farmers are so busy getting more wheat to the acre and putting more beef on their cattle that they have neglected their schools and their children for the most part to the girls and boys," Mrs. Lewis said. "In the country schools Kansas needs to employ better teachers, pay them better salaries and provide them with better equipment."

F. A. DERBY CHOSEN.

Topekan Elected President of Grain Dealers' Association at K. C.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 12.—F. A. Derby of Topeka was elected president, F. W. Gaunt of Alton vice president, and E. J. Smiley of Topeka secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association, at the convention which closed here Friday night. Smiley's election is for the eighteenth consecutive term in the same office. Jacob Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture of Kansas, in a paper read before the convention, advised the Kansas farmers to plant a smaller acreage of wheat.

"The land will not raise wheat forever," he said. "A few good crops and it will begin to wear out and become thin. Rotation of crops in a wise manner will prevent this."

Mr. Mohler advised planting more alfalfa and sorghum crops as a means of resting the land from wheat raising.

KANSAS 100 YEARS OLD.

A. W. Webster of Baldwin City Passes Century Mark Today.

Baldwin, Kan., Feb. 12.—A. W. Webster of Baldwin reached the century mark today. He was born in Cornwallis township, Canada, in 1815, and came to Kansas in 1857. He settled in Palmyra, on the old Santa Fe trail just north of Baldwin.

Mr. Webster enjoys good health and has remarkable eyesight. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church for 70 years and of the Republican party since 1854. Mr. Webster is the oldest citizen in Douglas county.

ROBS A POSTOFFICE.

Lone Bandit Makes Get-Away With \$100 at Mulberry.

Mulberry, Kan., Feb. 12.—A lone bandit entered the postoffice here during a usually busy hour early Friday night, held up the postmaster, Charles Kurtz, procured two sacks of cash, containing about \$100, and made his escape before an alarm could be given. The man evidently had watched and selected a time when the postmaster was alone, as the office had been crowded for several hours just before the robbery.

A posse of citizens and members of the Anti-Horse Thief association was organized soon after Kurtz gave the alarm and several hundred men are searching the town and country around.

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